



## Home and Community Based Services Waiver Amendments for Changes to In Home Support Services

The Department is submitting amendments for the Children's, the Elderly, Blind, and Disabled, and the Spinal Cord Injury Home and Community Based Services waivers to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services December 1, 2014.

These amendments implement six changes to In Home Support Services (IHSS) that are required by state law to be implemented by March 1, 2014. Those changes include:

- 1) Allowing IHSS to be provided in the community
- 2) Allowing spouses to provide IHSS
- 3) Clarifying that the client or the client's authorized representative is responsible for directing their care, including scheduling, managing, and supervising attendants
- 4) Allowing clients or the client's authorized representative to work with the IHSS agency to determine the amount of nurse oversight
- 5) Removing the 444 hour per year family member reimbursement limit on personal care and replacing it with a 40 hour per week family member reimbursement limit on personal care
- 6) Expanding IHSS to persons receiving services under the Spinal Cord Injury waiver pilot program

In addition to the required changes, the proposed amendments allow willing and able IHSS agencies to provide the support needed for a client who does not have an authorized representative to participate in IHSS.

The legislation associated with these changes (House Bill 14-1357) is available online at

[http://www.leg.state.co.us/clics/clics2014a/csl.nsf/fsbillcont/FAA3C9E8130FBEA787257CAE00660C8F?Open&file=1357\\_enr.pdf](http://www.leg.state.co.us/clics/clics2014a/csl.nsf/fsbillcont/FAA3C9E8130FBEA787257CAE00660C8F?Open&file=1357_enr.pdf)